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the fire of a great religious creed, yet a man of inspired common sense, simple, earnest, humorous, insisting on clear and definite thought, breaking down artificial distinctions, laying foundations for ethics and metaphysics, urging his fellow-citizens forward through question and struggle to the living of a life based on reason. Mr. Godley writes with commendable freshness and a happy sense of the reality of the ancient world. Unfortunately, his treatment of the subject appears inadequate, and is even at times misleading. The greater part of the book is given to translations of extracts from Plato, Aristophanes, and Xenophon.

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NATURE VERSUS NATURAL SELECTION: AN ESSAY ON ORGANIC EVOLUTION. By Charles Clement Coe. London: Swan Sonnenschein & Co., 1895. 8vo. Pp. xiii., 591, xx.

Mr. Coe, in his modest preface, apologizes for the hardihood of one who is not an expert venturing to criticise the masters, but this is just a preliminary trailing of the coat. For in the issue he trounces all the Darwinians with much skill and no end of good humor, trounces them till one is deafened by blows. Not one escapes, neither Darwin, nor Wallace, nor Spencer, besides scores of the lesser weights. The result is a learned political *vade mecum* for the anti-Darwinians. None should be without it.

There is an admirable chapter on what may be called "the other side of the struggle for existence," or "the altruism of nature," and a thoroughly reasonable argument against the all-sufficiency of natural selection. Though Mr. Coe sometimes condescends to purely verbal discussion, he has done good service in indicating some of the weak points in our etiology,—which is still so young,—and in particular in emphasizing the limitations of the Natural Selection theory. His book is very long, but it is very interesting, and is a treasure-house of valuable quotations. Its great defect is one we have much sympathy with—*on ne détruit que ce qu' on remplace !*

J. ARTHUR THOMSON.

MORAL PATHOLOGY. By Arthur E. Giles, M.D., B.Sc. London: Swan Sonnenschein & Co. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1895. Pp. 179.

This is a readable little book on practical ethics. It professes to give little more than an outline of its subject; and while it is clearly